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SENATE BILL 792

By Cohen

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 4, relative to the definition of theater for the authorization of sales and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(___) "Theater" means any establishment in which motion pictures are exhibited to the public regularly for a charge. Such theater shall have an area that is enclosed by glass and which is accessed through a set of double doors by patrons who must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older to enter. Such theater shall be part of a retail and entertainment complex located one (1) block from an historical district which has been designated as a national historic landmark which centers around a public street or right-of-way. Such theater shall be located in a county having a population of eight hundred thousand (800,000) or more according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-101, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(w) It is lawful to sell wine and other alcoholic beverages as defined in § 57-4-102, and beer as defined in § 57-6-102, to be consumed on the premises of any theater as hereinafter defined to those in attendance at such theater, subject to the further provisions of this chapter. Such alcoholic beverages, wine and beer shall only be sold on such premises in the area accessible only to persons twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-201, is amended by adding the language "theater," after the language "community theater," and before the language " historic interpretive center," wherever such language appears.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-203(d)(1), is amended by adding the language "theater," after the language "community theater," and before the language "historic interpretive center,".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-301(b)(1), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subpart:

(Q) Theater..... \$300

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.